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(b) whether requests have been made to the Hon. the Chief Minister to permit a deputation to wait on him and what reply was sent to them?

A.—(a) Thirty-one; but they were mostly copies of the same petition but signed by different individuals.

(b) Yes. No reply was considered necessary as the final order constituting the municipality was issued on 8th October 1935.

Reasons for constituting Udipi into a municipality.

* 602 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of rural towns with a population larger than that of Udipi in this Province; and

(b) the reasons for constituting a municipality for Udipi against the wishes of the people at this time of depression, while towns with larger population have not yet got a municipality?

A.—(a) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to Table IV of the Census of India, 1931, Volume XIV—Madras—Part II—Imperial and Provincial Tables.

(b) The constitution of Udipi into a municipality was considered necessary in the interests of public health as it is an important pilgrim centre.

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I know, Sir, whether it was on the recommendation of the Collector of the district that Udipi was constituted into a municipality?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"It may be on his recommendation also."

Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—"Is it not a fact that there are too many hotels in Udipi and that there should be better sanitation in the place?"

Basis for fixing the motor car allowances of Municipal Commissioners.

* 603 Q.—Mr. M. S. SRESHTA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the salary and motor car allowance of each Commissioner of municipality; and

(b) the basis on which the motor car allowance is calculated?

A.—(a) A statement [a] showing the particulars referred to, as on the 3rd January 1936, is appended.

(b) The rates of conveyance allowance payable to commissioners have been generally fixed on the basis of the rank of the officers.

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Mr. M. S. Sreshta :—" May I know, Sir, whether any minimum mileage is fixed for allowance? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" This allowance is given for out-door work within municipal limits and there is no mileage in this question."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta :—" Is it not a fact that almost every Commissioner of a municipality maintains a motor car as it is not possible for him within the limited time at his disposal to cover the long distances except by going in a motor car? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" It may be that every Commissioner maintains a motor car; but these allowances are not really motor car allowances. They are conveyance allowances which are given according to the status of these Commissioners. Government also do not expect the Commissioners of small municipalities to maintain motor cars."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta :—" Is it not a fact that many Commissioners do not do sufficient inspection work on account of the fact that their allowance is not sufficient? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" I am afraid I cannot give a straight answer to the question. As far as Government are concerned, no Commissioner has so far reported that he is unable to undertake adequate inspection for this reason."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta :—" Will Government please call for a statement showing what mileage is covered by each Commissioner? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" It is possible to get that, but as a matter of fact, all fixed conveyance allowances are given irrespective of the mileage covered. Grades of allowance to Commissioners will more or less depend on the size and importance of the municipality."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know, Sir, what possible objection Government can have to the grant of increased allowances to Commissioners? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" The whole idea is that there should be uniformity in regard to this matter."

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether it will not be in the interests of the municipalities generally, whether they are small or large, if conveyance allowance is fixed once for all and the pay of the Commissioners if possible reduced? "

The Hon. the Raja of Bobbili :—" I cannot say how it would satisfy the Commissioners if conveyance allowances are fixed once for all and they are kept on a particular pay."

11-15 a.m. Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—" May I know, Sir, whether Government have not granted to chairmen of municipalities Rs. 100 and more while their executive duty is practically nil? "

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The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" The allowances have been granted, it is presumed, before the appointment of Commissioners and in some cases the chairmen are not granted any allowance at all."

Maximum pay and allowances admissible to a Municipal Commissioner deputed from other services.

* 604 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the maximum pay and allowances on an aggregate to be paid to any municipal commissioner is;

(*b*) whether the allowances include the pensionary contribution and leave allowances paid by a municipality on behalf of Commissioner whose services are lent to the municipality; and

(*c*) whether such a question arose in any municipality; if so, from where and what orders have been passed thereon and whether a copy of it will be placed on the table?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to clause (*a*) of sub-section (6) of section 12-C of the Madras District Municipalities Act, 1920.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes; in Coimbatore. Paragraph 1 of G.O. No. 4966, L. & M., dated the 2nd December 1935, passed in that case, is placed on the table.[a]

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER :—" May I know, Sir, whether it was not thought at the time of passing the Act that the maximum expenditure to be incurred by the municipality should include everything? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" The question has been examined and Government have ruled that contributions and leave allowances are not included."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I know, Sir, whether Government are aware that in the same municipality municipal engineers and health officers draw a larger allowance? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI :—" I am aware there are such cases. I feel that in such cases the municipality has been too generous."

Alleged disobedience of Government Orders on the part of the Commissioner, Narasaraopet Municipality.

* 605 *Q.*—Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Municipal Commissioner, Narasaraopet Municipality, Guntur district, refused to give effect to the orders passed by the Government in their G.O. Ms. No. 3892, L. & M., dated 24th September 1935; and

[a] Printed as Appendix IV on pages 226–227 infra.